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INTERVENTION ON AGENDA 7.1.6 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

REFS: A) AMBASSADOR TORRES-WARVARIV TELCON 5/8/78;
B) PARIS 14564; C) STATE 113262; D) STATE 114521

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1. AT CHAIRMAN MARTIN'S WORKING GROUP MEETING TOMORROW,
MAY 9 A.M. (REF A), USDEL SHOULD STATE THAT U.S. WOULD
PREFER NO RESOLUTION ON SUBJECT ITEM BECAUSE A FACT-FINDING
MISSION SENT BY THE DG TO THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES
HAD NOT YET PRESENTED ITS REPORT AND ANY EXBD ACTION ON
THE ITEM IS THEREFORE PREMATURE AND ILLADVISED. FULL
RATIONALE FOR THIS POSITION IS PROVIDED IN REFS (C)AND (D).

2. IF MARTIN COMES UP WITH HIS VERSION OF DR, USDEL SHOULD MAKE NO COMMENT BUT STATE THAT IT IS SENDING THE TEXT TO THE DEPT FOR GUIDANCE.

3. DEPT AGREES THAT, BECAUSE OF EGYPT CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PROGRAM COMMISSION, IT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE TO DERAIL ITEM TO THE PLENARY WHERE MARTIN (UK), IS IN COMMAND, -- THAT IS ASSUMING THAT MARTIN'S WORKING GROUP HAS NOT

DEVELOPED CONSENSUS TEXT. TO THAT END STRESSING AMBASSADOR NAJAR'S POINTS, SUCH AS IN PARAS 3(A) AND 3(B) (2) AND (4) OF REF (B), MIGHT BE USEFUL. FYI: WE BELIEVE THAT ARGUMENTS IN PARA 3(B) 1 AND 3 OF REF B ARE NOT EFFECTIVE. ALTHOUGH QUESTION IS INDEED CONTROVERSIAL, IT DOES NOT SEEM TO US PRODUCTIVE TO ARGUE THAT PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE IS "POLITICAL INSTRUMENT OF PLO, PARTIAL AND UNILATERAL, ETC." BEST ARGUMENT IS THAT LARGE AND IMPORTANT GROUP OF COUNTRIES (ALL WEOS) VOTED AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE AND DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON IT. SIMILARLY, ONE COULD MAKE LESS RESTRICTIVE INTERPRETATION OF RES. 32/40 AND CONCEDE THAT UN AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO LEND THEIR COOPERATION IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. END FYI.

4. HOWEVER, SINCE IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT SOME RESOLUTION
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ON THE ITEM IS INEVITABLE, OUR STRATEGY (PARTICULARLY WITH DG M'BOW AND CHAIRMAN MARTIN) SHOULD BE TO PRODUCE A TEXT THAT COULD BE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. TO ACHIEVE THIS AND TO AVOID A SHOWDOWN, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

5. RE LAST SENTENCE OF REFTTEL, YOU SHOULD MAKE NO DECISION ON WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS UNTIL DEPT HAS REVIEWED FINAL TEXT OF RESOLUTION AND SENT YOU INSTRUCTIONS.

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